
By: **Chairman, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request
- Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vital Statistics Administration - Adjudications of Paternity - Repeal**
3 **Requirement for Fee**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain requirement that the Department of Health
5 and Mental Hygiene collect a fee to process adjudications of paternity; and
6 generally relating to fees collected for adjudications of paternity.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Health - General
9 Section 4-217(c)(1)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Health - General**

15 4-217.

16 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Department shall collect a
17 \$12 fee:

18 (i) For each certified or abridged copy of a birth, death, fetal death,
19 marriage, or divorce verification certificate;

20 (ii) For a report that a search of the files was made and the
21 requested record is not on file;

22 (iii) For each change to a certificate made later than one year after
23 the certificate has been registered with the Department; or

24 (iv) To process an adoption, foreign adoption, OR legitimation [or
25 adjudication of paternity].

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect October 1, 2004.